

REMARKS

The present amendment is in response to a telephone call on October 10, 2007, between Examiner Zarabian of the patent office and Michel G. Cleveland of the same firm as the undersigned. The present application contains claims copied from several patents for the purposes of provoking an Interference. It was suggested that claims 81-96, which are currently withdrawn, be cancelled and that claim 68, which is in improper form, be cancelled in order to facilitate the declaration of an Interference.

Previously pending claims 63-75 are copies, or near copies, of claims from U.S. Patent No. 5,774,395; pending claims 76-80 originated in U.S. Patent No. 5,828,601; and previously pending claims 81-96 copies claims from U.S. Patent No. 6,418,054. Given that the previously pending claims originated from three different patents, as well as the suggestion Examiner Zarabian, claims 63-75 and 81-96 are being cancelled so that only claims originating from a single patent (claims 76-80, taking from U.S. Patent No. 5,828,601) are currently pending. It is believed that this will facilitate the requested Declaration of Interference. As the claims being currently cancelled are only being cancelled for this purpose, they will likely be pursued in a divisional of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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